I support the proposal to allow the score from Element 1 to be combined with the score from a written exam over radio knowledge.

I am a VA hospital employee who recently earned a tech license so as to be able to assist with emergency communications in the event of a disaster.

While I understand that many longtime hams believe additional knowledge should be required for access to HF bands, the CW requirement creates a barrier for persons like myself (hearing-impaired) who would like to help with HF emergency communication nets.